



# Explore Australia

Discover Australia through a rugby tour with England Rugby Travel.  
For great life experiences, friendships, memories and much more stretch your horizons on the ultimate rugby tour.



## TOUR AUSTRALIA

Australia guarantees the perfect location for touring. Stunning natural landscapes and vibrant coastal cities, the land Down Under has it all.

### SYDNEY

Sydney is a truly great city and is home to the iconic Sydney Opera House, one of the most popular world heritage sites in the world, the city is also counted amongst the most popular tourist destinations in Australia and has a range of brilliant tourist attractions.

#### Sydney Opera House

Get a close up view and that all important photograph of one of the world's most distinctive and famous performing arts buildings that showcases Sydney.

#### Sydney Harbour Bridge

Time to face your fears and take this opportunity to walk one of the most famous landmarks in Sydney with spectacular views of the harbour and the city.

#### Bondi Beach

Ready to hit the surf? Don't miss out on the chance to spend an afternoon on one of the world's most iconic beaches.

### MELBOURNE

Melbourne is home to a number of major cultural and sporting events and institutions and is often called the 'Sporting and Cultural Capital of Australia'.

#### MCG

A visit to the 'G' is a must whilst visiting Melbourne. Home to Australian Cricket, Aussie Rules football and once host to the Olympics and Commonwealth games, you won't be disappointed.

### BRISBANE

Brisbane is a city packed with adventures and attractions just waiting to be explored.

#### Australia Zoo

'Home of the crocodile hunter' watch a crocodile launch from the waters' edge at this ultimate wildlife adventure.

#### GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast is bristling with high-rise hotels and apartments, busy surfing beaches, theme parks and many other holiday attractions.

#### Surfers Paradise

Packed full of theme parks and attractions Surfers Paradise is the Gold Coast's premier attraction.

#### CAIRNS

Cairns is the heart of Tropical North Queensland and Australia's primary gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.



#### Great Barrier Reef

The world's largest natural coral reef is truly spectacular and can be explored from many coastal regions - the area simply can't be missed.

#### PERTH

Perth is a vibrant and modern city, situated on the banks of the Swan River. Well known for its pristine parks, riverside walkways and white sandy beaches.

#### Rottnest Island

The island boasts fantastic Coral reefs great for diving and snorkelling, hidden bays and deserted cycle paths wait to be explored.



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### Sport in Australia

Australians are known worldwide for their sporting successes. With four Cricket World Cups, two Rugby World Cups, the 2011 Ladies US Open Tennis Champion and the 2011 Tour de France holder to name just a few recent accolades you can be sure to be tested at all levels down under.

Sport has long played an important social and cultural role in Australia, providing a form of social cement which binds communities. Love of sport is something you can be sure to have in common with the Aussies whilst touring this fantastic and welcoming country.

Rugby is played from May to August

#### Flight times (approximate)

London Heathrow Airport to Cairns	19 hours
London Heathrow Airport to Sydney	21 hours
London Heathrow Airport to Melbourne	22 hours

Currency Australian Dollars (AUD)

#### Weather in Australia

Australia experiences temperate weather for most of the year but the climate can vary. The northern states typically experience warm weather much of the time, with the southern states experiencing cooler winters. Australia is also one of the driest continents on earth with an average annual rainfall of less than 600 millimetres.

Summer December - February

Autumn March - May

Winter June - August

Spring September - November

Time Difference GMT +10 hours (East Coast)

Main Language(s) English

#### Visas

Unless you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen, you will need a visa to enter Australia. New Zealand passport holders can apply for a visa upon arrival in the country. All other passport holders must apply for a visa before leaving home. You can apply for a range of visas, including tourist visas and working holiday visas, at your nearest Australian Consulate. You can also apply for certain types of visas online.

## TOUR AUSTRALIA - SAMPLE ITINERARY DAYS 1-9

Quite simply one of the greatest countries in the world, a tour to Australia offers a range of life changing experiences and opportunities that will blow your mind on a rugby tour.



### DAY 1 DEPARTURE

An England Rugby Travel representative will meet you at the airport to oversee check in for your flight to Sydney.

### DAY 2 IN FLIGHT / SYDNEY

A quick refuelling stop and depart for Sydney.



The world famous Sydney Harbour

### DAY 3 SYDNEY

On arrival in Sydney you will transfer to your accommodation for a five-night stay. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore this beautiful city built around the iconic harbour and boasting great beaches.

### DAY 5 SYDNEY MATCH DAY ONE

Play your first fixture against local opposition and enjoy the post match function.

### DAY 7 SYDNEY MATCH DAY TWO

Play your second fixture against local opposition and enjoy the post match function.

### DAY 9 GOLD COAST

A full day's excursion visiting the Gold Coast's fantastic theme parks, including Dreamworld and Wet & Wild.

### DAY 4 SYDNEY

Enjoy a cruise of the famous harbour taking in breathtaking views of the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge before discovering Darling Harbour's beauty whilst you unwind and enjoy lunch.

### DAY 6 SYDNEY

Spend the day recuperating and relaxing at Bondi Beach where you can take a surfing lesson or just soak in the atmosphere on one of the world's most famous beaches. This afternoon you will have the chance to climb the Harbour Bridge where you will gain some of the best views of this stunning city.

### DAY 8 SYDNEY / GOLD COAST

Transfer to Sydney airport for your flight to the Gold Coast. On arrival transfer to your accommodation for a five night stay and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Take a stroll down to the bustling sea front to experience Surfers Paradise and its cool, chic style.



Enjoy the warm seas of Australia



**DAY  
10**

**GOLD COAST  
MATCH DAY THREE**

Play your third fixture and then enjoy the post match function.

**DAY  
11**

**GOLD COAST**

Today you can explore Australia Zoo, one of Australia's top tourist attractions and home to the Crocodile Hunter.

**DAY  
12**

**GOLD COAST  
MATCH DAY FOUR**

A morning at leisure before transferring to your fourth fixture and post match function.

**DAY  
13**

**GOLD COAST / CAIRNS**

Transfer to Gold Coast airport for your flight to Cairns. On arrival transfer to your accommodation for a four night stay and spend the rest of the day exploring the city. Cairns will have an altogether different feel than your previous destination, steeped in culture, home to some of Australia's most famous wildlife and top tourist attraction the Great Barrier Reef.

**DAY  
14**

**CAIRNS**

Today enjoy an organised excursion to the beautiful Great Barrier Reef. You will have the opportunity to snorkel or scuba dive whilst you explore the largest reef in the world.

**DAY  
15**

**CAIRNS  
MATCH DAY FIVE**

Transfer to your final fixture of the tour and enjoy the opportunity to mix with the opposition at the post match function.



**DAY  
16**

**CAIRNS**

Full day at leisure and the opportunity to visit a crocodile farm or enjoy the thrill of white water rafting.

**DAY  
17**

**CAIRNS / IN FLIGHT**

Transfer to Cairns airport for your return flight to the UK.

**DAY  
18**

**UK ARRIVAL**

Arrive back into the UK and depart for home.